

# TreeLink News Bulletin

## In the works



Ginkgo  
*Ginkgo biloba*

This deciduous tree is the oldest unchanged tree species on the planet; fossil records show that similar plants were widely distributed in all parts of the world roughly 200 million years ago. This hardy tree is resistant to smoke, dust, wind, ice, insect pests, and disease. The Ginkgo grows to 50-70 feet, has a straight trunk with pyramid-shaped crown. The fan-shaped leaves are about three inches long. Male and female cones are found on separate trees. Male trees are preferred for urban planting. This ancient tree has long been cultivated and possibly preserved from extinction by Buddhist priests on temple grounds in China, Japan, and Korea. Ginkgo recently has become a popular herbal supplement to treat Alzheimer's disease, inflammation, short-term memory, common allergies, and to improve blood circulation, hearing and vision.

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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**Natural Resources**

Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands

As the weather starts to warm, and summer is just around the corner, I want to take a moment to remind you to water your newly planted trees (those planted in the last three years). Care after planting is the best way to ensure that your urban trees will survive and provide benefits to your community for years to come. If you would like more information on tree care, please call me. -Sarah

## Community Trees Conference Recap

The 2000 Pacific Northwest Community Trees Conference was held May 17-19 in Anchorage, Alaska. The conference was attended by arborists, planners, government employees, municipal representatives, and others from across the Pacific Northwest. Focusing on urban trees and how to protect and preserve urban open space, the conference was extremely informative. Different techniques for preparing tree planting spaces, species selection, site planning, ordinance development, and other methods were presented to aid those working with trees in our urban areas. Conference attendees were also treated to the natural beauty of Alaska. Local arborists provided guided tours highlighting the challenges and successes of Anchorage's urban forest. The "untrained arborists," or moose, are one of the most obvious challenges facing this growing city. There are over 2,000 moose in the downtown area of Anchorage, and they cause incredible damage to trees. Alaskan arborists are also faced with a harsh growing environment and a shortened growing season; one three-inch diameter tree cross section at the University of Alaska Anchorage campus was 78 years old. Conference attendees from Washington and Oregon expressed how grateful they are of the great growing conditions in the Pacific Northwest. Even with the environmental challenges, the City of Anchorage has worked long and hard to protect and preserve its urban forest. On behalf of the Conference Planning Committee, thank you to all the presenters from Washington State. You did a wonderful job!

## Forest Owners Field Day

Three regional Forest Owners Field Days will be held this summer. The first is scheduled for June 24, 2000, in Gilmer, Washington. Gilmer is located in western Klickitat County, in south-central Washington. Other field day's will be held in Couer d'Alene, Idaho, September 9, and in Shelton, Washington, September 30, 2000. These field days are offered to nonindustrial private forest landowners, and have had over 2,000 participants since 1996. These educational events feature practical "out in the woods" learning. Topics to be covered include: site preparation, reforestation, forest health, wildlife habitat, thinning and pruning, special forest products, and much more! For registration materials or for more information, please contact the Forest Stewardship Program at 1-800-527-3305 and press "0". Information is also available at [www.ext.nrs.wsu.edu/fieldday.htm](http://www.ext.nrs.wsu.edu/fieldday.htm), or by e-mail at [forest\\_stewardship@wadnr.gov](mailto:forest_stewardship@wadnr.gov).

## Mountains to Sound Greenway March

Hundreds of participants are expected to join a 10-day hike across the Cascade Mountains in July to celebrate the success of the regional Mountains to Sound Greenway, a plan that is saving the scenic and recreational forests along Interstate 90. The march will begin July 13, 2000, in Thorp and will continue for 120 miles through the Cascade Mountains. The first three days will be by wagon train to Snoqualmie Pass. At the Pass, travel will switch to foot. Hikers must be able to hike many miles with a day pack (camping equipment will be transported by van). Entertainment and catered meals are provided along the way. The hike will end with a public celebration on Saturday afternoon, July 22, on Seattle's waterfront. The anticipated cost of the entire march is \$250 for adults and \$75 for 18 and under accompanied by adult, which will cover the wagon train ride and meals for 10 days. You may also participate in just the wagon ride or hiking segments at different prices. Others can join the hike for free on any daily segment as long as they provide their own transportation and food. If you have questions or can help support the march, please contact Ken Konigsmark at (425) 957-5094. Information is also available on their website at [www.mtsgreenway.org/march2.htm](http://www.mtsgreenway.org/march2.htm), or at any REI store.

## WCFC Meeting in Longview

The Washington Community Forestry Council will be meeting in Longview on June 21, 2000. The Council's goal is to provide leadership and vision to help citizens preserve, plant, and maintain community and urban forests. Their meetings are open to the public. For more information, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

## In the works (continued)

"The best friend on Earth of man is the tree. When we use the tree respectfully and economically, we have one of the greatest resources of the Earth."

-Frank Lloyd Wright

## Picks and Shovels

**TRIVIA: How long after a tree suffers severe construction damage will the tree die or show signs of decline?**

(answer is upside down below)

## On the Horizon

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.

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## ArborMaster Training in Walla Walla

The Inland Northwest Arborists Association is organizing ArborMaster training at Whitman College in Walla Walla. The first and second modules will be held July 12-15 and will cover climbing and chainsaw skills. The training is being conducted as a four-day course and cannot be taken as individual modules. Level 1 Rigging Module will be offered as a stand-alone course, and the climbing and chainsaw modules are prerequisites. The rigging module will be held August 11-12. ISA Certified Arborists are eligible to receive 16 continuing education units upon completion of each two-day module. Course fees, registration materials, and other information are available by calling Rich Baker at (509) 466-6559.

## Managing Trees and Sidewalks Workshop

The PNW-ISA is holding a continuing education workshop on Managing Trees and Sidewalks June 7, 2000, in Mount Vernon. The workshop will include sessions on understanding the connection between roots and sidewalk displacement, evaluation of root barrier methods, applications of structural soil technology, and city forester perspectives on practical approaches to tree and sidewalk conflicts. The cost of the workshop is \$60 for PNW-ISA members and \$75 for non members. More information and registration forms are available by calling the PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263.

*Growing Together with the Treetures.* This teacher's guide is a collaborative work of the National Tree Trust, and the Treeture Environmental Education Program. The activity guide is intended to provide educators and students with various tools to explore and observe the environments around them. The guide can be implemented indoors or outdoors, in both urban and rural settings. The Treetures will guide students through many fun, diverse, and hands-on activities as they learn about trees and nature. The whimsical nature of the Treetures will appeal to younger students, and the solid scientific concepts presented will maintain the interest of older students. The guide is designed in two sections; grades PK-3 and grades 3-6. Most of the activities are adaptable for higher or lower grades. Call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE to receive a copy.

Free tree care brochures from the International Society of Arboriculture are now available both in Spanish and English. Please call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE for titles and availability.

### June

- 7 *Managing Trees and Sidewalks.* Contact the PNW-ISA for more information.
- 11-13 *Ecology of Urban Soils Conference.* St. Paul, Minnesota. Visit [www.scisoc.org/opae/shortcourse](http://www.scisoc.org/opae/shortcourse) or call Cindy Ash at (651) 454-7250 for details.
- 21 WCFC meeting in Longview. Call the TreeLink Hotline for more information.
- 23 ISA Certification Exam, Seattle. This is the only test currently being offered in Seattle in 2000. For more information or to register, contact the PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263.
- 28 WALP 4th Annual Golf Tournament. Kayak Point Golf Course, Stanwood. Contact WALP at 1-800-833-2186 or call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE for an entry form.
- 29 Stream and Wetland Ecology Basic Training. Contact the Adopt-a-Stream Foundation at (425) 316-8592 or at [www.streamkeeper.org](http://www.streamkeeper.org).

### July

- 12-15 ArborMaster training in Walla Walla. Contact Rich Baker at (509) 664-6559 for more information.
- 13-22 Mountains to Sound Greenway March. Contact Ken Konigsmark at (425) 957-5094.

### August

- 5 ISA Certification Exam, Sun River, Oregon. Contact the PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263.
- 11-12 ArborMaster training in Walla Walla. Contact Rich Baker at (509) 664-6559 for more information.
- 19 ISA Certification Exam, Sand Point, Idaho. For more information or to register, contact the PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263.
- 23 WCFC meeting in Richland. Call the TreeLink Hotline for more information.